

REMARKS

This Amendment and Response is responsive to the final Office action dated April 3, 2007, setting forth a shortened three-month statutory period for reply expiring on July 3, 2007. This Amendment and Response is submitted on June 4, 2007, which is within the two month time period for receiving an Advisory Action since June 3, 2007, fell on a Sunday. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner issue an Advisory Action.

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for reviewing this application and issuing an Office action.

Claims 14-61 are pending in the application, with claims 14, 26, 38 and 50 being independent claims. By this Amendment and Response, claims 14, 26, 38 and 50 are amended, claims 62-73 are added, and claims 16, 22, 28, 34, 40, 46, 57, and 61 are cancelled. Accordingly, after entry of this Amendment and Response, claims 14, 15, 17-21, 23-27, 29-33, 35-39, 41-45, 47-56, 58-60, and 62-73 remain pending, with claims 14, 26, 38 and 50 being independent claims.

I. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 14-61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 6,055,669 issued to Albert (hereinafter Albert), taken either individually or in view of U.S. Pat. No. 4,284,275 issued to Fletcher (hereinafter "Fletcher"). For at least the following reasons, the Applicant respectfully disagrees with these rejections.

Applicant continues to disagree with the Examiner regarding whether claims 14-61 are supported by Albert for at least the reasons set forth in the Office action response submitted January 22, 2007. However, to expedite the allowance of claims, independent claims 14, 26, 38, and 50 are amended to delete the reference to the adhesive layer and to recite "the base material is attached to the first object."

Applicant notes that these amendments broaden the claims, and thus are not narrowing amendments. Support for these amendments is found at least in Figs. 3 and 6 and on page 11 at lines 11-14. Further, the figures and passages supporting these amendments were first disclosed in Albert. (See Albert, Figs. 3 and 6; col. 4, ll. 43-47). Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that since claims 14, 26, 38, and 50 are supported by Albert, the effective filing date for the claims is at least as early as Albert. Further, since the claims are supported by Albert and Albert is properly in the chain of priority, Albert is not available as a prior art reference.

For at least the foregoing reasons, only Fletcher remains as a reference cited by the Examiner with respect to rejecting the claims. Fletcher fails to teach or suggest each and

every limitation recited in independent claims 14, 26, 38, and 50. In particular, Fletcher at least fails to teach or suggest a base material with a plurality of suction cups as recited in the claims. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits claims 14, 26, 38, and 50 are patentably distinct over Fletcher and respectfully requests the Examiner allow these claims.

Claims 15, 17-21, 23-25, 27, 29-33, 35-37, 39, 41-45, 47-49, 51-56, and 58-60 depend from either independent claim 14, 26, 38 or 50. Since each claim properly depends, either directly or indirectly, from a patentably distinct independent claim, the dependent claims are themselves patentable. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner allow these claims. The Applicant makes this statement without reference to or waiving the independent bases of patentability within the dependent claims.

II. New Claims

Support for new claims 62-73 is found at least in Figs. 1-6 and at least on page 9, lines 1-5 and on page 11 at lines 11-14. Further, the figures and passages supporting these amendments were first disclosed in Albert. (See Albert, Figs. 1-6; col. 3, ll. 14-17; col. 4, ll. 43-47). Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that since new claims 62-73 are supported by Albert, the effective filing date for the new claims is at least as early as Albert. Therefore, as described in more detail in Section I, Albert is not available as a prior art reference.

Claims 62-73 depend from either independent claim 14, 26, 38 or 50. Since each claim properly depends, either directly or indirectly, from a patentably distinct independent claim, the dependent claims are themselves patentable. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner allow these claims. The Applicant makes this statement without reference to or waiving the independent bases of patentability within the dependent claims.

III. Conclusion

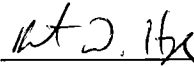
After entry of the above listing of claims and remarks, claims 14, 15, 17-21, 23-27, 29-33, 35-39, 41-45, 47-56, 58-60, and 62-73 remain in the application. In accordance with the amendments and arguments set forth herein, the Applicant respectfully submits the application and all claims are in a condition for allowance, and requests such prompt allowance.

The Applicant believes no fees or petitions are due with this filing. However, should any such fees or petitions be required, please consider this as authorization therefor and please charge such fees to Deposit Account number 04-1415.

Should any issues remain that the Examiner believes may be dealt with in a telephone conference, The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (303) 629-3400.

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